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Subject: Approval of Experimental Practice, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, LLC, Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Mine, M0410009, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Division has reviewed your request for an experimental practice to reclaim portions of your mine site. The 'practice,' as described, will involve a designed 'bump blast' to lift the quarry floor and reduce or eliminate the need for extensive earthwork to regrade your North Quarry. After two of the four shots are conducted, you will invite the Division to a site visit to evaluate the successfulness of the program. If it appears that the process will be successful, the remaining two shots will be conducted.

The Division understands that if this practice is successful, Georgia Pacific will identify additional areas where it can be used. An amendment to the reclamation plan will be required to apply this practice on other quarries.

As part of the approval for this experimental practice, a monitoring program needs to be established to evaluate its effectiveness. The monitoring will need to establish the amount of settlement that will occur the first year after blasting.

Thank you for your patience as we have evaluated your proposal. As you begin your project, please try to allow at least one week to schedule the site visit to evaluate the first half. Please call me at (801) 538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at (801) 538-5310 to schedule the visit.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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Mine Permit Number M/041/0009 Mine Name Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Mine
Operator Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Inc Date Sent (Received) Jan. 28, 2009 Apr 3-9-09
TO Lynn Kunzler FROM Thomas Brooks

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